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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: INDIA NEWS-
PRINT RESOLUTION DR 152 REV 2 (AGENDA ITEM 65)

1. 18 C/DR. 152 REV. 2 WAS SUBJECT OF LIMITED DISCUSSION IN COMMISSION IV (MASS COMMUNICATIONS) (LARGELY BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS) IN WHICH PRINCIPLE PARTICIPANTS WERE INDIAN DEL (MINISTER OF INFORMATION), FAO REPRESENTATIVE, AND WEO DELS (INCLUDING US), AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR MASS COMMUNICATIONS (OBLIGADO-ARGENTINA). MAJORITY OF DELS WHO INTERVENED EXPRESSED SYMPATHY BUT FELT THAT PROBLEM OF PRODUCTION OF NEWSPRINT WAS CONCERN OF OTHER UN AGENCIES NOT REPEAT NOT OF UNESCO.

2. FOR THIS REASON, UK DEL INTRODUCED FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO FIRST OPERATIONAL PARA OF DR. 152 REV. 2 (REF-TEL): "AUTHORIZES THE DG, ACTING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ECOSOC AND WITHIN THE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE OF UNESCO, TO COOPERATE WITH
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FAO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED

WITH THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF PAPER SHORTAGE WHICH AIM TO STUDY AND ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION; AND TO PUBLICIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PRESENT SHORTAGES AS THEY EFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

3. UK AMENDMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUT TO VOTE RESULTING IN A TIE (25 (US) - 25 - 9). AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) A RECOUNT WAS TAKEN AND UK MOTION CARRIED 28 (US) - 27 - 9. AT THIS POINT INDIAN DEL, WHOM WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED HAD WORKED CLOSELY WITH DG MAHEU AND OBLIGADO TO SHOVE THROUGH SUBJECT DR, ASKED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE, AND UK AMENDMENT FAILED BY VOTE OF 26 (US) - 33 - 13 WITH 61 ABSENTEES.

4. AT REQUEST OF SWEDISH DEL, EFFORT WAS THEN MADE TO DELETE SUB-PARA (D) OF DR 152 REV. 2 BUT MOTION FAILED BY VOTE OF 22 (US) - 31 - 8. FOLLOWING VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT, INDIAN DEL EXPLAINED HIS CONCEPT OF WORLD PAPER BANK BY STATING THAT HE CONCEIVED OF IT AS A MONITORING OPERATION FOR THE WORLD SUPPLY OF PAPER BULK AND NEWSPRINT AND NOT (REPEAT NOT) AS AN ALLOCATIONS OPERATION. DR. 152 REV. 2 WAS THEN VOTED ON AS A WHOLE AND CARRIED BY VOTE OF 38 - 0 - 22 (US).

5. FOLLOWING VOTE US DEL REQUESTED ADG OBLIGADO EXPLAIN WHAT SPECIFIC MEASURES UNESCO INTENDED UNDERTAKE TO IMPLEMENT INDIAN DR. LATTER UNABLE ANSWER QUESTION BUT DID INDICATE THAT SUM OF \$20,000 WITHIN UNESCO'S BUDGET CEILING WOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF "PROMOTING COOPERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF PAPER SHORTAGE." FUNDS ARE TO BE DRAWN FROM PARA 4124 OF DOCUMENT 18 C/5 AND FROM PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.
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